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TAGS: PINS, SOCI, GR

SUBJECT: STATEMENT BY MUSLIM LEADERS OF THRACE

1. THESSALONIKI PAPERS OF FEB. 21 CARRY  
TEXT OF LETTER TO MONARCH OF EVROS FROM  
MUSLIM RELIGIOUS LEADERS OF AREA PRAISING  
GENERAL CONDITION OF TURKISH MINORITY IN  
WESTERN THRACE AND DENYING RECENT  
CRITICISM BY GOT LEADERS. LETTER IS SIGNED BY  
MUFTI OF DIDIMOTICHON AND RELIGIOUS LEADERS  
OF MAJOR TOWNS. TEXT DENIES ALLEGED  
DESCRIMINATION AGAINST LOCAL MUSLIMS AND  
STATES THAT THEY LIVE "IN HARMONY" WITH  
CHRISTIAN RESIDENTS AND ARE ALL "EQUAL BEFORE  
LAW". LETTER CONCLUDES THAT THERE IS NO  
"TYRANNY" AGAINST TURKS LIVING IN WESTERN  
THRACE AND ANKARA LEADERS SHOULD CONCENTRATE  
IN IMPROVING "MISERABLE CONDITIONS" IN OWN COUNTRY.  
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